



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**EARTH DAY**  
APRIL 22, 2009

**WHEREAS**, we can take important steps to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships and positive action; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility as children of the Earth, and as North Dakota citizens, to safeguard the environment and recognize we have an important role in sustaining our natural resources; and

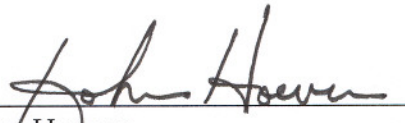
**WHEREAS**, a healthy and diverse ecosystem is essential to a thriving community and vigorous local economy, and individuals, businesses, communities, tribes and government are encouraged to continue to work together to address global and local environmental concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, we possess the potential to employ our abundant creativity and innovation, as well as education, to prevent environment degradation; and


**WHEREAS**, through state and local efforts, we can continue to protect and preserve our natural resources by encouraging sustainable energy and water consumption, land use, transportation practices, and waste reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day offers citizens a unique opportunity to make a commitment to personal practices that will be vital in protecting our quality of life for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2009, **EARTH DAY** in the state of North Dakota, and encourage citizens to reflect on ways they can contribute to a healthy environment and continue to make North Dakota a great place to live, work and raise a family.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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